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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To Whom it may Concern,

I would like to add my voice to those in adamant opposition to the proposed Microsoft Settlement. Please reject this proposal in favor of a much stronger remedy.

Please review the current proposed settlement and make sure that it adequately represents the interests of open-source advocates, and consumers of open-source products. Essentially, the question that needs to be addressed first and foremost is "Are the barriers to entry for competition with Microsoft reduced to a reasonable level for both commercial and volunteer competitive efforts?". Secondly, I would ask "Is the punitive element of this ruling sufficient to make executives reluctant to engage in similar anti-competitive behaviour, and stockholders reluctant to support executives who do?".

I trust that you'll come up with an equitable ruling that represents the current and future interests of consumers, even if the economy must suffer.

Sincerely,
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